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In re Application of:

Donald R. Owen

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including April 5, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the \$55.00 entity fee for a one month extension of time from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account 01-2508/11181.0027.NPUS00.

Respectfully submitted.

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